

OLYMPIC COAST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



Habitats

Rocky headlands
Sandy beaches
Kelp forests
Seastacks & islands
Pelagic, open ocean
Submarine canyons



Tufted Puffin

Bald Eagle

Northern sea otter

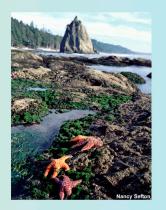
California gray whale

Bull kelp

Salmon













Astonishing Fact

About 50 miles of the Olympic Coast shoreline is designated wilderness, making it the longest the undeveloped coastline in the lower 48 states.





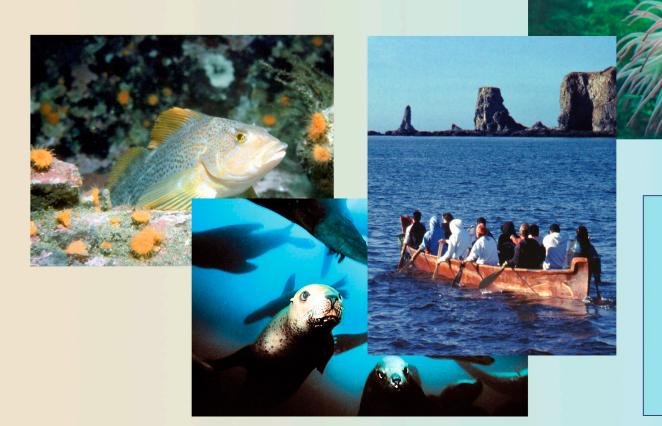


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Until 1787, European explorers weren't certain if the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which ends in Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, even existed. As early as 1596, The Strait was rumored to be the western entrance to the fabled Northwest Passage.



Sanctuary designation

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